

ASSEMBLY, No. 6203

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:
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District 11 (Monmouth)

SYNOPSIS

Appropriates \$2 million in constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to fund grant program for historic preservation of monuments commemorating veterans.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT appropriating \$2 million in constitutionally dedicated
2 corporation business tax revenues to fund a grant program for the
3 historic preservation of monuments commemorating veterans.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*
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8 1. a. The Commissioner of Community Affairs, in
9 consultation with the Adjutant General of the Department of
10 Military and Veterans' Affairs, shall establish a grant program to
11 provide funding to municipalities for the historic preservation of
12 monuments commemorating veterans. The grants shall be awarded
13 based upon the submission of applications by a municipality in
14 accordance with a process and criteria developed by the
15 Commissioner of Community Affairs in consultation with the
16 Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans'
17 Affairs. The application shall, at the minimum, include identifying
18 information about the monument or monuments proposed for
19 funding; to the extent possible, a description of the services that
20 may be needed for historic preservation of the monument or
21 monuments; and the amount of the applicant's grant request.
22 Grants shall, to the extent possible, be equitably distributed to
23 successful applicants in the northern, central, and southern regions
24 of the State.

25 b. For the purposes of this section:

26 "Historic preservation" means any work relating to the
27 conservation, improvement, interpretation, preservation, protection,
28 rehabilitation, renovation, repair, restoration, or stabilization of any
29 monument commemorating veterans.

30 "Monument commemorating veterans" means an area, site,
31 structure, or object that honors a person, or persons, who has served
32 in the Uniformed Services of the United States, including Reserve
33 components and National Guard, and who was, or is reasonably
34 believed to have been, discharged or released under conditions
35 other than dishonorable.
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37 2. There is appropriated to the Department of Community
38 Affairs from the revenue derived from the tax imposed pursuant to
39 the "Corporation Business Tax Act (1945)," P.L.1945, c.162
40 (C.54:10A-1 et seq.), and dedicated to recreation and conservation,
41 farmland preservation, historic preservation purposes pursuant to
42 subparagraph (a) of Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State
43 Constitution the sum of \$2,000,000 for the purpose of funding
44 grants to assist municipalities in the historic preservation of
45 monuments commemorating veterans.
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47 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill would require the Commissioner of Community Affairs, in consultation with the Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs to establish a grant program for providing funding to municipalities for the historic preservation of monuments commemorating veterans. The bill would appropriate \$2,000,000 for the grant program's purposes. These funds would be appropriated from corporation business tax revenues dedicated to recreation and conservation, farmland preservation, and historic preservation purposes pursuant to subparagraph (a) of Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution.

Municipalities would apply for grant funding in accordance with the process and criteria developed by the Commissioner of Community Affairs in consultation with the Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs. The application would be required to include, at minimum, identifying information about the monument or monuments proposed for funding; to the extent possible, a description of the services that may be needed for historic preservation of the monument or monuments; and the amount of the applicant's grant request. Grants would be required to be equitably distributed, to the extent possible, to successful applicants in the northern, central, and southern regions of the State.